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SUBJECT: REDUCTION OF GENERAL/FLAG OFFICER POSITIONS
ASSIGNED TO JBUSMC

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAS DIRECTED THAT THE AIR
FORCE AND NAVY MEMBERS OF JBUSMC BE REDUCED TO 06 POSITIONS,
AND THAT THE INCUMBENTS BE REASSIGNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE,
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BUT NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 15, 1977. THE POSITION OF

CHAIRMAN, USDEL JBUSMC, WILL BE ROTATIONAL, WITH THE POSITION ROTATING FIRST TO THE NAVY -- THE ARMY MEMBER POSITION THEREUPON BEING DOWNGRADED TO 06. (DIRECTION OF CURRENT PLANNING IS THAT CHAIRMAN SLOT WILL BE ASSUMED BY NAVY FLAG OFFICER PRESENTLY ON STATION; FORMAL NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE AND SUBSEQUENT MESSAGE. SIMILARLY, PRECISE BASIS AND METHOD FOR FUTURE ROTATION AMONG THE THREE SERVICES HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED, AND ADDRESSEES WILL BE INFORMED OF THIS AS SOON AS DECISION IS MADE.)

2. DETERMINATION TO REDUCE GENERAL/FLAG OFFICER POSITIONS

OF JBUSMC WAS BASED ON A DOD POLICY TO REVIEW GENERAL/FLAG OFFICER POSITIONS AND TO REDUCE THEM WHENEVER POSSIBLE. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE NUMBER OF GENERAL/FLAG OFFICERS ON ACTIVE DUTY WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IS BASED ON STATUTORY PROVISIONS, AND JUSTIFIED TO CONGRESS DURING THE ANNUAL BUDGET REVIEW PROCESS. IN RECENT YEARS GENERAL/FLAG OFFICER STRENGTH HAS BEEN REDUCED BY OVER 12 PERCENT OR 167 GENERAL/FLAG OFFICERS.

3. IN DISCUSSING THE REDUCTION WITH BRAZILIAN OFFICIALS, YOU MAY WISH TO DRAW UPON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. THE REDUCTION IN GENERAL/FLAG OFFICER POSITIONS IN JBUSMC IS BASED ON A WORLDWIDE POLICY AND IN NO WAY REFLECTS A LESSENING OF INTEREST ON OUR PART IN THE MAINTENANCE OF A CLOSE, CORDIAL AND MATURE MILITARY RELATIONSHIP WITH BRAZIL.

B. WE CONTINUE TO REVIEW JBUSMC AS THE PRINCIPAL FORUM FOR US-BRAZILIAN MILITARY COOPERATION. GENERAL/FLAG OFFICER PRESENCE IN COUNTRY IS A CLEAR RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACHE TO OUR LONGSTANDING COOPERATION IN THIS AREA.

C. ADDITIONALLY, WASHINGTON-BASED GENERAL/FLAG OFFICER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST THE CHAIRMAN, USDEL JBUSMC WHEN SUBSTANTIVE
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MATTERS OF AN URGENT OR IMPORTANT NATURE ARE TO BE CONSIDERED AT JBUSMC JOINT MEETINGS. THIS MECHANISM WILL PROVIDE GENERAL/FLAG OFFICER REPRESENTATION WHEN NECESSARY WITHOUT INVOLVING THEM IN ROUTINE JBUSMC BUSINESS.

4. BEGIN FYI: AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ALSO APPROVED A JCS PLAN TO ENHANCE THE BASIC JBUSMC

RELATIONSHIP BY PLACING INCREASED EMPHASIS ON JBUSMC'S
PRIMARY FUNCTIONS THROUGH AN ARRANGEMENT FOR PERIODIC
CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
BRAZILIAN ARMED FORCES STAFF (EMFA). DETAILS OF THE PLAN
WERE FORWARDED TO CHAIRMAN, USDEL JBUSMC AS JCSM-364-76,
ON OCTOBER 21, 1976. AS STATE AND DEFENSE CONSIDER
FEASIBILITY OF AND WAYS TO IMPLEMENT THIS PLAN, WE SHALL
OF COURSE BE SEEKING YOUR VIEWS ON APPROPRIATE MODALITIES
AND SUBJECT MATTER FOR THESE PERIODIC CONSULTATIONS. ANY
REACTIONS YOU MAY HAVE NOW WILL BE MOST WELCOME.

5. BOTH THE PLAN TO ENHANCE THE JBUSMC RELATIONSHIP AND
THE PROVISION FOR CONTINUING GENERAL/FLAG OFFICER
ASSISTANCE ARE INTENDED TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE THAT
WE ATTACH TO OUR LONGSTANDING COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT WITH
BRAZIL IN DEFENSE MATTERS, AND TO HELP MINIMIZE ANY -
ADVERSE BRAZILIAN REACTION TO THE REDUCTIONS IN GENERAL/
FLAG OFFICER POSITIONS. END FYI. ROBINSON

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